



March 6, 2012

The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States of America
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. President:

As governors of the two states, which border the St. Croix River Crossing Project, we respectfully request you to sign S. 1134, which passed the Senate on January 23, 2012 and the House of Representatives on March 1, 2012.

This bipartisan legislation allows for the construction of a new bridge between our states to replace a woefully inadequate, unsafe, lift bridge, which was built in 1931.

Mr. President, our two states have been working for decades to replace this outdated bridge. Now, given the time constraints of Minnesota's state budget, we need this legislation to be signed into law by March 15, or Minnesota's Department of Transportation will need to reallocate the money dedicated to the St. Croix River Crossing Project.

Members of both of our Congressional Delegations did a fantastic job developing this legislation – it is truly a partnership between local and state governments, community leaders, interest groups and dozens of stakeholders. Legislators and these groups all factored in costs, location, environmental protections, needs being met, and a host of other considerations, and determined that the current proposal is the best solution to the rapidly growing problems of the current bridge.

Our Congressional Delegations have done excellent work moving this legislation forward. S. 1134 is completely bipartisan, doesn't cost the federal government any additional money, and will create thousands of good-paying, needed jobs in this region.

We respectfully ask you to quickly sign this important legislation into law so that we may begin construction as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Dayton'.

Mark Dayton
Governor of Minnesota

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Walker'.

Scott Walker
Governor of Wisconsin